

**Preferred Dates:** July 31st - Aug. 4th

Class name: The Train Project

Description: Inventor Skills

Age Group: Grades 6 - 8

**Resources Needed:**

- Venue
- Computers
  - with Autodesk Inventor installed
- [Folders](#)
- Sketches of train parts for students to build from
  - (I can make those)
- Projector
  - for ease of lesson explanations and demonstrations?
- Fruit Snacks + granola bars, etc.

**Lesson Plans**

Class time: 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Day	Plan
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ 9:15 - Icebreaker/Personal Introduction</li><li>➤ 9:45 - Intro to Inventor Geometric Constraints<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Explain how to create sketch geometry in Inventor and the types of constraints that can be applied within it: geometric constraints, dimension constraints, and assembly constraints<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Sketch Tab &gt; Constrain Panel</li></ul></li><li>○ Use videos that demonstrate geometric constraints and have the students try to emulate/ replicate that behavior in a sketch by applying the appropriate constraints Ex:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ <a href="https://nv.instructuremedia.com/fetch/QkFoYklxc0hhUU5WekY4d2JDc0hCYThlV1E9PS0tYTNjZDVkYWWM3ZTFiYjMwOWMzMmE0MjVWkOTQxYTYyMTU1NTdhMDNjZA.mp4">https://nv.instructuremedia.com/fetch/QkFoYklxc0hhUU5WekY4d2JDc0hCYThlV1E9PS0tYTNjZDVkYWWM3ZTFiYjMwOWMzMmE0MjVWkOTQxYTYyMTU1NTdhMDNjZA.mp4</a></li></ul></li></ul></li><li>➤ 10:45 - Go over the answers and have students write down each constraint function they discovered and how they work.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Coincident Constraint</li><li>○ Collinear Constraint</li><li>○ Concentric Constraint</li><li>○ Fixed Constraint</li></ul></li></ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Parallel constraint</li> <li>○ Perpendicular Constraint</li> <li>○ Horizontal/Vertical Constraint</li> <li>○ Tangent</li> <li>○ Symmetric</li> <li>○ Equal</li> <li>➤ 11:00 - Explain other basic Inventor functions and tools <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Dimensioning</li> <li>○ Extrusions</li> <li>○ Work planes</li> <li>○ Revolve tool</li> <li>○ Mirroring</li> <li>○ Patterns</li> <li>○ Holes</li> </ul> </li> <li>➤ 11:30 - Lunch break</li> <li>➤ 12:10 - Let students explore Inventor and challenge them to build a part in Inventor off a sketch</li> <li>➤ 1:30 - Snack Break</li> <li>➤ 1:45 - Demonstrate how to build the part <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Explain how to save project files etc.</li> </ul> </li> <li>➤ 3:00 - Parents arrive</li> </ul>
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ 9:15 - Introduce train project <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Show example of a completed train project portfolio <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ With dimensioned drawings and assembly page with numbered balloons/parts list</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Hand out drawings of each part they will be making with the dimensions for them to build off of</li> </ul> </li> <li>➤ 9:45 - Explain how to interpret drawings and find the dimensions they need <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ How to read dimensions for holes, radii, etc.</li> <li>○ Demonstrate with axle peg or one of the simplest pieces and have kids follow along</li> </ul> </li> <li>➤ 10:30 - Work time in Inventor <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Have them start in order of easiest to hardest pieces</li> </ul> </li> <li>➤ 11:30 - Lunch break</li> <li>➤ 12:10 - Continue to work</li> <li>➤ 1:30 - Snack break</li> <li>➤ 3:00 - Parents arrive <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Make sure students have saved their work and named their file folders</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ 9:15 - Continue work time</li> <li>➤ 11:30 - Lunch break</li> <li>➤ 12:10 - Continue work time</li> <li>➤ 1:30 - Snack break and outside game activity (so they don't just sit on the</li> </ul>

	<p>computer having work time for the whole day)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ 2:00 - Work time</li> <li>➤ 3:00- Parents arrive <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Students must save their work on their computers</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ 9:15 - Introduction to dimensioned drawings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Show kids how to make drawings in Inventor for each part</li> <li>○ Demonstration with the easy piece from the walkthrough on day 3</li> </ul> </li> <li>➤ 10:00 - Let the children loose to finish any parts and work on their dimensioned drawings</li> <li>➤ 11:30 - Lunch break</li> <li>➤ 12:10 - Introduction to parts assembly <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Explain assembly constraints</li> </ul> </li> <li>➤ 12:45 - Work time <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Kids should be finished with ALL parts at this point and work on their drawings or assembly</li> </ul> </li> <li>➤ 1:45 - Snack break</li> <li>➤ 2:00 - Work time continued</li> <li>➤ 3:00 - Parents arrive <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Students must save their work or RIP</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ 9:15 - Show students how to create an exploded assembly page with numbered balloons and parts list</li> <li>➤ 9:45 - Work time to finish drawings, assembly, and assembly page</li> <li>➤ 11:30 - Lunch time</li> <li>➤ 12:10 - Students start to finish and print their drawings and assembly pages (hopefully) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ For early finishers, challenge them to create a track piece for their train and create an animation in Inventor</li> </ul> </li> <li>➤ 1:30 - Rocket pops or some kind of ice cream treat?</li> <li>➤ 2:00 - Students assemble their drawings and assembly page in a folder portfolio</li> <li>➤ 3:00 - Parents arrive and students take home their train projects</li> </ul>

(If we added a week, maybe we could teach them how to 3D Print their pieces??)